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June 11, 2013

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RE: FHWA, EFFECT DETERMINATION, ALTERNATIVE B MODIFIED/SR-126 IMPVTS./PIN# 105467.00, KINGSPORT, SULLIVAN COUNTY

Dear Ms. Carver:

Pursuant to your request, received on Wednesday, June 5, 2013, this office has reviewed documentation concerning the above-referenced undertaking. This review is a requirement of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act for compliance by the participating federal agency or applicant for federal assistance. Procedures for implementing Section 106 of the Act are codified at 36 CFR 800 (Federal Register, December 12, 2000, 77698-77739)

Based on the information provided, we find that the project area contains a cultural resource eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places: Yancey's Tavern. We further find that the project as currently proposed will not adversely affect this resource. Unless project plans change, this office has no objection to the implementation of this project. Should project plans change, please contact this office to determine what additional action, if any, is necessary.

I wish to take this opportunity to commend your on-going good work and that of Ms. Tammy Sellers in bringing this case to successful completion of Section 106 review. You both deserve great credit in melding the mission of your agency with that of historic preservation. Often, this is a difficult task, and you both accomplished it with remarkable diligence and fortitude. As Tennessee SHPO, I want you both to know how much I appreciate it.

Sincerely,

E. Patrick McIntyre, Jr. Executive Director and

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SUBJECT:

Addendum Documentation of Effects Pursuant to 36 CFR 800 and Section 4(f) Documentation At Yancey's Tavern for Proposed Improvements to State Route 126 from East Center Street

To Interstate 81 in Kingsport, Sullivan County PIN 105467.00

Dear Mr. McIntyre:

Enclosed you will find an addendum report for the above referenced project. The addendum discusses the effects to one National Register listed property: Yancey's Tavern. In 2004, TDOT historians surveyed the Area of Potential Effects (APE) and inventoried 96 properties. In a 2005 report, it was the opinion of TDOT that one property, Yancey's Tavern, was listed in the National Register of Historic Places and one additional property, the Shipley-Jarvis House, was eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. In a letter dated March 22, 2005, the Tennessee State Historic Preservation Officer (TN-SHPO) concurred with these findings.

In 2008, TDOT historians sent a Documentation of Effects report to your office and in that document stated that it was TDOT's opinion that the proposed project would not adversely affect the Shipley-Jarvis House and would adversely affect Yancey's Tavern. Your office agreed with TDOT's findings in a November 3, 2008 letter. In the 2008 report, the proposed project design adjacent to Yancey's Tavern indicated that a substantial number of graves in the East Lawn Funeral Home and Memorial Garden would be relocated. Due to the initial public response to the removal of graves and reburials, TDOT re-designed a segment of the roadway adjacent to Yancey's Tavern in June 2012, entitle Alternative B1. In June 2012, a TDOT historian wrote an addendum effects assessment to evaluate potential effects at Yancey's Tavern. In that addendum document, it was TDOT's opinion that the proposed Alternative B1 would still adversely affect Yancey's Tavern. In a letter dated June 13, 2012, the TN-SHPO agreed with TDOT's assessment.

In an effort to minimize harm to the historic property, TDOT is currently proposing Alternative B Modified and the enclosed document discusses the effects to the National Register listed Yancey's Tavern. It is the opinion of TDOT that the proposed Alternative B Modified would have an effect that is not adverse to the National Register listed property. Please review the addendum effects assessment pursuant to regulations set forth in 36 CFR 800 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966. We look forward to your comments. Thank you for your help in this matter.

Sincerely,

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SUBJECT:

Addendum Documentation of Effects Pursuant to 36 CFR 800 and Section 4(f) Documentation At Yancey's Tavern for Proposed Improvements to State Route 126 from East Center Street To Interstate 81 in Kingsport, Sullivan County PIN 105467.00

To Whom It May Concern:

The Tennessee Department of Transportation is proposing to improve State Route 126 from East Cedar Street to Interstate 81 in Kingsport. The enclosed document addresses the effects of Alternative B Modified to the National Register listed Yancey's Tavern. The proposed Alternative B Modified is being proposed by TDOT in an effort to minimize impacts to both Yancey's Tavern and the East Lawn Memorial Garden.

A federal law, the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, requires that for road projects with federal funds, TDOT should identify and work to protect properties that are considered historic. Under this law, "historic" is defined as those properties that are listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. Because of these laws, TDOT has staff historians that review all projects that have federal funding. Since this project includes federal money, a staff historian for TDOT surveyed the general project area in an attempt to identify historic properties which could be impacted by the proposed project.

The enclosed report discusses the survey findings. You are receiving this report because TDOT has identified you as a Sullivan County party or individual with historic preservation interests. The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation Regulations specify that members of the public with interests in an undertaking and its effects on historic properties should be given reasonable opportunity to have an active role in the Section 106 process. As such, TDOT would like to give you the opportunity to participate in that process. If you would like to learn more about the historic review process go to http://www.achp.gov for additional information.

If you have any comments on historic issues related to this project, please write me. Federal regulations provide that you have thirty days to respond from the receipt of this letter.

Sincerely,

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Historic Preservation Supervisor

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Enclosure

cc: Mr. Patrick McIntyre, TN-SHPO

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Addendum Documentation of Effects Pursuant to 36 CFR 800 And Section 4(f) Documentation

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For Proposed Improvements to:

State Route 126 from East Center Street To Interstate 81 in Kingsport

Sullivan County

MANAGEMENT SUMMARY

The Tennessee Department of Transportation with funding made available through the Federal Highway Administration is proposing to improve State Route 126 from East Center Street to I-81 in Kingsport.

This addendum report discusses the effects to the National Register listed property: Yancey's Tavern located on State Route 126 outside of Kingsport. In 2004, TDOT historians surveyed the Area of Potential Effects (APE) and inventoried 96 properties. In a 2005 report, it was the opinion of TDOT that one property, Yancey's Tavern, was listed in the National Register of Historic Places and one additional property, the Shipley-Jarvis House, was eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. In a letter dated March 22, 2005, the Tennessee State Historic Preservation Officer (TN-SHPO) concurred with these findings.

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In an effort to minimize harm to the historic property, TDOT is currently proposing *Alternative B Modified* and this document will discuss the effects to the National Register listed Yancey's Tavern.

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Addendum Documentation of Effects Pursuant to 36 CFR 800 For Proposed Improvements to:

State Route 126 from East Center Street To Interstate 81 in Kingsport

Sullivan County

Statement of Determination

The Tennessee Department of Transportation with funding made available through the Federal Highway Administration is proposing to improve State Route 126 from East Center Street to I-81 in Kingsport.

This addendum report discusses the effects to the National Register listed property: Yancey's Tavern, located on State Route 126 outside of Kingsport. In 2004, TDOT historians surveyed the Area of Potential Effects (APE) and inventoried 96 properties. In a 2005 report, it was the opinion of TDOT that one property, Yancey's Tavern, was listed in the National Register of Historic Places and one additional property, the Shipley-Jarvis House, was eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. In a letter dated March 22, 2005, the Tennessee State Historic Preservation Officer (TN-SHPO) concurred with these findings.

In 2008, TDOT historians sent a Documentation of Effects report to the TN-SHPO and in that document stated that it was TDOT's opinion that the proposed project would not adversely affect the Shipley-Jarvis House and would adversely affect Yancey's Tavern. The TN-SHPO agreed with TDOT's findings in a November 3, 2008 letter. In the 2008 report, the cross section for the alignment included four travel lanes adjacent to Yancey's Tavern and the preliminary plans indicated that a substantial number of graves in the East Lawn Funeral Home and Memorial Garden would be removed in order to keep from taking right-of-way from the National Register boundary of the historic tavern.

As the project evolved and more detailed information became available, two build alternatives were proposed in the draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) that meet the purpose and need as defined in the EIS (a copy of the draft EIS is available http://www.tdot.state.tn.us/sr126/docs/SR126MemorialBoulevardDEIS010912.pdf. or is on file with the TDOT Environmental Division). Build Alternative A would improve State Route 126 largely on the existing alignment and includes a typical cross section of four-lane roadway (two travel lanes in each direction) within the commercial and residential areas of the western half of the study corridor. The eastern half of the corridor, which is rural in nature, would remain a twotravel lane facility. Build Alternative B is a variation of Alternative A. The key variations for this document is the reduction of the four-travel lane section for a length of approximately 0.5 miles and the use of retaining walls through the section of road between Yancey's Tavern and the East Lawn Funeral Home and Memorial Garden. These alternatives will be discussed in greater detail in the Project Background and Description Section of this document.

In 2012, the negative public response to the removal of graves and reburials caused TDOT to consider redesigning a segment of the roadway adjacent to Yancey's Tavern. The design of the project at the Shipley-Jarvis House did not change so the effects remain the same as described in the 2008 document. In an effort to avoid the removal of graves from the East Lawn Memorial Garden, TDOT re-designed the proposed project between Yancey's Tavern and the East Lawn Memorial Garden in June 2012.

In June 2012, Alternative B1 was proposed that did not require any additional right-of-way from the memorial garden but would have required right-of-way from the northern side of the State Route 126, and resulted in taking approximately one acre of right-of-way and 0.1 acre of permanent slope easements from Yancey's Tavern. Shifting the roadway alignment to the north would have also removed the majority of mature trees that currently shield the historic property from State Route 126. With this alternative, a required retaining wall—seven feet tall at its highest point—was proposed on the northern side of the roadway in front of the tavern. A culde-sac was also proposed for the existing Chestnut Ridge Road to the west of Yancey's Tavern, cutting Yancey's Tavern off from the two-lane road that it had been historically associated with. In a June 2012 report, it was the opinion of TDOT that the proposed Alternative B1 would have an adverse effect to the historic property based on the right-of-way take, height of the retaining wall, the introduction of a modern, urban roadway, and the removal of screening vegetation. On June 13, 2012, the TN-SHPO concurred with TDOT's adverse effect finding. Detailed documentation of this alternative is on file with the TDOT Historic Preservation Section and can be provided upon request.

Due to the potential adverse effect of Alternative B1, TDOT historians worked with the designers to minimize harm to the historic property, Yancey's Tavern. This design, entitled Alternative B Modified, will be studied in depth within this document to determine the effects it would have on Yancey's Tavern. According to the plans for Alternative B Modified, the proposed project would shift the right-of-way from Yancey's Tavern to the south onto the East Lawn Memorial Garden and Cemetery but would not be shifted so far to the south that occupied graves would need to be relocated. This would allow for only a small, temporary, construction easement within the National Register boundary of Yancey's Tavern and that construction easement would be returned to the current grade and appearance after construction is completed. A retaining wall would be required on both the north and south side of the proposed State Route 126; however, given the existing grade and elevation of the historic Yancey's Tavern only a short section of the wall would be visible from the house itself. Although little of the retaining wall will be visible from Yancey's Tavern, TDOT is proposing an aesthetic treatment to the wall that will be compatible with the historic landscape but will be minimalist in its design. TDOT will consult with the TN-SHPO and consulting parties in designing the retaining wall in order to get their review and comments on the proposed design feature. The cross-section in Alternative B Modified would also be reduced by the removal of the sidewalks on the northern side of State Route 126. Utilities will be relocated with this revised alternative and according to representatives from TDOT's Right-of-Way and Utilities Divisions there is sufficient space within that cross-section to relocate all utilities.

Federal laws require TDOT and FHWA to comply with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended. Appendix A contains a fact sheet about Section 106. Regulations detailing the implementation of this act are codified at 36 CFR 800. This legislation requires TDOT and FHWA to identify any properties (either above-ground buildings, structures, objects, or historic sites or below ground archaeological sites) of historic significance. For the purposes of this legislation, historic significance is defined as those properties which are included in the National Register of Historic Places or which are eligible for inclusion in the National Register. Appendix B contains a copy of the National Register criteria, which are codified at 36 CFR 60.4. Once historic resources are identified, legislation requires these agencies to determine if the proposed project would affect the historic resource. Appendix C contains a copy of the Criteria of Effect as defined in 36 CFR 800.5. If the proposed project would have an adverse effect to a historic property, the legislation requires FHWA to provide the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (an independent federal agency) an opportunity to

comment on the effect. Appendix D contains information on Section 4(f) of the U.S. DOT Act, as amended. This law prohibits the Secretary of Transportation from approving any project which requires the "use" of a historic property unless there is no prudent and feasible alternative to that use and unless the project includes all possible planning to minimize harm to the historic resources.

This document has been prepared in consultation with the TN-SHPO and will be circulated to the TN-SHPO, FHWA, and local individuals, agencies, or organizations with interests in historic and cultural resources.

The archaeology is contained in a separate document.

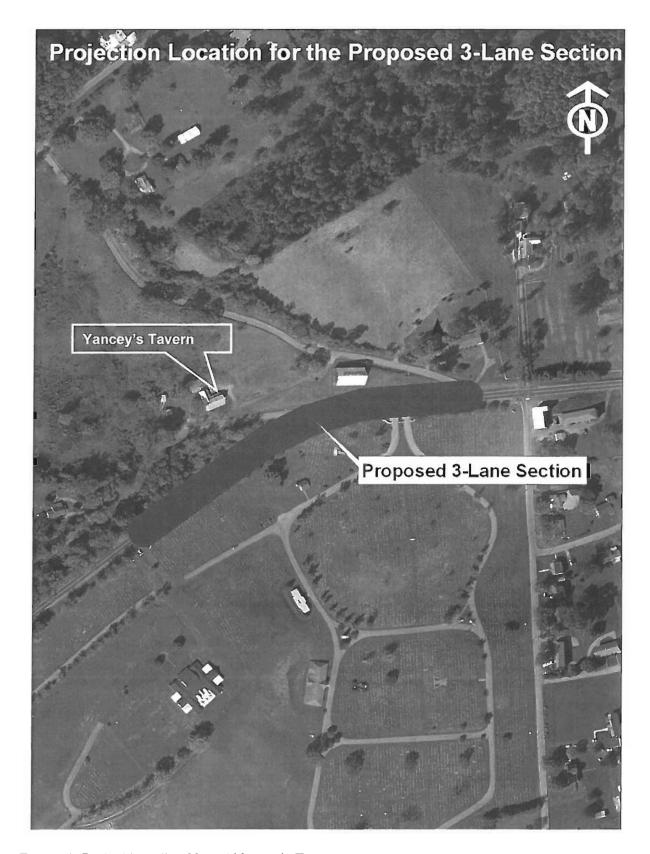


Figure 1: Project Location Map at Yancey's Tavern

Project Background and Description

The Tennessee Department of Transportation with funding made available through the Federal Highway Administration is proposing to improve State Route 126 from East Center Street to I-81 in Kingsport.

This project served as a Context Sensitive Solutions (CSS) pilot project with TDOT, and the CSS team recommended a four-lane, urban roadway with curb and gutter between the memorial garden and Yancey's Tavern. In 2008, the TDOT consultant provided functional plans indicating that the four-lane facility could be built between the memorial garden and the historic property without taking right-of-way from Yancey's Tavern. Since that time, it has been determined that right-of-way will be required in order to build the proposed project.

The following build alternative information was taken from the 2012 Draft EIS.

Build Alternative A

Build Alternative A improves SR 126 (Memorial Boulevard) to a four-lane facility (two travel lanes in each direction) within the commercial and residential areas of the western half of the study corridor. The eastern half of the study corridor, which is rural in nature, will remain a two-travel lane facility. Either a raised median or two way left turn lane (TWLTL) will be provided along the majority of the route. Improved shoulders will be provided along the entire corridor and sidewalks will be extended to the majority of the commercial and residential areas.

Several different typical cross sections are proposed along the SR126 (Memorial Boulevard) corridor. Additional right-of-way will be required along the entire corridor to accommodate the proposed improvements. . .

The proposed alignment of Alternative A generally follows the existing alignment. The proposed alignment shifts from side to side to minimize impacts, reduce earthwork volumes, simplify constructability, and improve the curvature of the roadway. Despite the effort to minimize impacts, considerable additional Right of Way will be required and many residences and businesses will need to be relocated. . .

In addition to the SR126 (Memorial Boulevard) roadway typical cross section and alignment improvements, several side road intersection approaches to SR126 (Memorial Boulevard) are improved. Many of these minor connections intersect SR 126 (Memorial Boulevard) at skewed angles. Realigning side road approaches to intersect to as close to 90 degrees as possible has proven visibility and safety benefits. . . Side Road approaches to SR 126 (Memorial Boulevard) to be realigned include:

Warpath Drive Heather Lane Natchez Lane
Miller Street Old Stage Road Harr Town Road
Orebank Road Eaton Station Road Adams Street
John B. Dennis Exit Ramp Woods Way Island Road

Several intersections are proposed to be closed along SR126 (Memorial Boulevard). These minor connections to SR 126 (Memorial Boulevard) will be rerouted to connect via improved intersections on neighboring roads. Closing these intersections will improve

access control and safety along the route due to the reduction of conflict points. . . Intersections to be closed along SR 126 (Memorial Boulevard) include:

Edens Ridge Road Hawthorne Street Kent Street Shuler Drive Trinity Lane Tanglewood Road Holiday Road Red Robin Lane Gravel Top Road Amy Avenue

The draft EIS continues to discuss each cross section that is being proposed under Build Alternative A. The following information discusses the proposed cross section for this build alternative in relation to Yancey's Tavern and the East Lawn Funeral Home and Cemetery and was taken directly from the draft EIS.

3. Harbor Chapel Road (L.M. 5.18) to Cooks Valley Road (L.M. 7.66)

The proposed cross section of this 2.5 mile long segment of SR 126 (Memorial Boulevard) from Harbor Chapel Road to Cooks Valley Road includes four travel lanes (two in each direction) and a raised grass median. The first 0.6 miles of this segment from Harbor Chapel Road to east of Old Stage Road includes four-foot wide paved shoulders, curb and gutter, and sidewalks on both sides of the roadway. The next 1.9 miles of this segment from east of Old Stage Road to Cooks Valley Road will not have curb and gutter, and instead will have roadside ditches for drainage. The shoulders will be eight feet wide, six feet of which will be paved. No sidewalks will be provided along this 1.9 mile segment between Old Stage Road and Cooks Valley Road due to the lack of properties fronting SR 126 (Memorial Boulevard). The travel lanes throughout the entire 2.5 mile long segment will be eleven feet wide. The four to six-foot wide paved shoulders will accommodate bicyclists. The design speed of this segment is 45 miles per hour.

Additional features in this section include intersection realignments and closings. Trinity Lane's intersection with SR 126 (Memorial Boulevard) will be closed. Access to SR 126 (Memorial Boulevard) will be provided via a new connection to Amy Avenue and Glenwood Street. Tanglewood's intersection with SR 126 (Memorial Boulevard) will be closed. Access to SR 126 (Memorial Boulevard) will be provided via a new connection to Briarwood Road. Old Stage road's approach to SR 126 (Memorial Boulevard) will be realigned to improve the skew of the intersection. Holiday Road's intersection with SR 126 (Memorial Boulevard) will be closed. Access to SR 126 (Memorial Boulevard) will be provided via a new connection between Parker Street and Old Parker Drive. The new connection will provide access to Peers Street and Lemay Drive. Shuler Drive's intersection with SR 126 (Memorial Boulevard) will also be closed. Access to SR 126 (Memorial Boulevard) will be provided via Peers Street and Lemay Drive. Eaton Station Road's approach to SR 126 (Memorial Boulevard) will be realigned to improve the skew of the intersection. These features will improve the safety and access control along SR 126 (Memorial Boulevard).

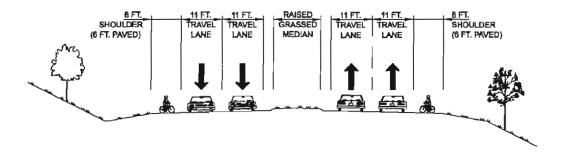


FIGURE 2.3.9: SEGMENT 3B PROPOSED TYPICAL SECTION

Figure 2: Proposed Typical Cross Section for Section 3 of Build Alternative A

The draft EIS describes Build Alternative B as follows:

Build Alternative B

Alternative B is a refinement of Alternative A. Alternative B utilizes the same proposed typical roadway cross sections as Alternative A but the length of the four-travel lane section of Segment 3 is reduced. As a result, the two-travel lane section of Segment 4 begins further west, near Lemay Drive, and is longer than in Alternative A. Retaining walls will also be utilized in the vicinity of historic Yancey's tavern and East Lawn Memorial Gardens Cemetery. These modification were made to minimize impacts to Yancey's Tavern and the East Lawn Memorial Gardens Cemetery located on the opposing sides of SR 126 (Memorial Boulevard) in Segment 4. It should be noted that numerous gravesites will still need to be relocated with Alternative B. Additional changes incorporated into Alternative B include minor modifications of the proposed centerline to minimize excavation and fill impacts and improve maintenance of traffic during construction. Alternative B subsequently requires less additional right-of-way and impacts fewer residences and businesses than Alternative A. . . .

In addition to the SR 126 (Memorial Boulevard) roadway typical cross section and alignment improvements, several side road intersection approaches to SR 126 (Memorial Boulevard) are improved or closed. These side road modifications improve the safety and access control along SR126 (Memorial Boulevard). The side road approaches modified in Alternative B are the same as those in Alternative A [see above].

The section of the roadway that is adjacent to the National Register Listed Yancey's Tavern is described as the following in the draft EIS.

East of Lemay Drive (L.M. 7.20) to Harr Town Road (L.M. 10.11)

The proposed cross section of this 2.9 mile long segment of SR 126 (Memorial Boulevard) from east of Lemay Drive to Harr Town Road includes two travel lanes (one in each direction), six-foot wide paved shoulders, and curb and gutter. The median in this section will consist of a two-way left turn lane. The six-foot wide shoulders would

accommodate bicyclists. The design speed of this segment is 45 miles per hour. This section is 0.5 miles longer than in Alternative A.

Additional features in this section include intersection realignments and closings. Ted Robin Lane's intersection with SR 126 (Memorial Boulevard) will be closed. Access to SR 126 (Memorial Boulevard) will be provided via Bridwell Heights Road. The side road approaches of Eaton Station Road, Woods Way, Island Road, Natchez Lane, and Harr Town Road to SR 126 (Memorial Boulevard) will be realigned to improve the skews of the intersections. These features will improve the safety and access control along SR 126 (Memorial Boulevard).

Two community resources are located on either side of SR 126 (Memorial Boulevard) in this segment: Yancey's Tavern and East Lawn Memorial Gardens Cemetery. Yancey's Tavern is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. To avoid direct impacts to the Yancey's Tavern property, it is proposed to widen SR 126 (Memorial Boulevard) to the south. The roadway improvements will impact the East Lawn Memorial Gardens Cemetery. In order to minimize the impacts, the roadway cross section is reduced to two travel lanes in this section of Alternative B, compared to four travel lanes in Alternative A. This will minimize the visual impacts to Yancey's Tavern and reduce the number of gravesites which must be relocated in the East Lawn Memorial Gardens Cemetery. Retaining walls will also be utilized in this area to further reduce impacts to the cemetery.

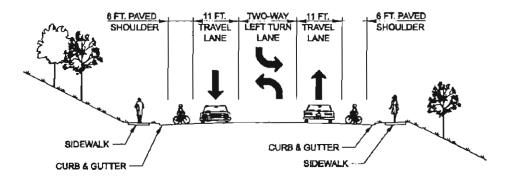


FIGURE 2.4.6: SEGMENT 4 PROPOSED TYPICAL SECTION

Figure 3: Proposed Typical Cross-Section Between Yancey's Tavern and the East Lawn Memorial Gardens Cemetery

2012 Alternatives

Build Alternative B1

The draft EIS estimated that approximately 350 occupied gravesites would be impacted with Alternative A and Alternative B would impact about 50 gravesites that are currently occupied. However, the large memorial garden would have sufficient room to relocate impacted gravesites. In an effort to reduce impacts to the East Lawn Memorial Gardens and Cemetery, TDOT proposed a three-lane, urban roadway with curb-and-gutter on the existing State Route

126 alignment. This three-lane alternative, as proposed in June 2012, would not have taken any right-of-way from the memorial garden and would have required approximately 1 acre from Yancey's Tavern with 0.1 acres of permanent slope easements. This proposed alternative required a retaining wall on both sides of the roadway, with the northern side being 7-feet tall at its highest point and on the southern side being 4.5 feet tall at its highest point. In addition, this Alternative B1 required a cul-de-sac of Chestnut Ridge Road to the west of Yancey's Tavern and would have cut off the historic property from the road.

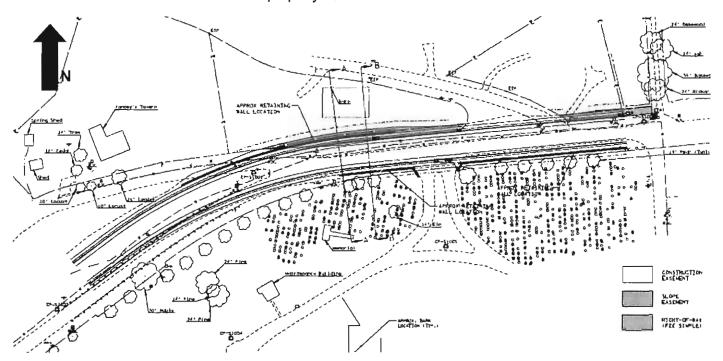


Figure 4: Conceptual Layout between Yancey's Tavern and the East Lawn Memorial Garden

Modified Alternative B

Given the potential impacts to the East Lawn Memorial Garden Cemetery if the alignment shifts to the south and the impacts to the National Register listed Yancey's Tavern if the alignment is shifted to the north, TDOT is currently proposing a compromise alternative that would take some land from the cemetery without taking graves. This revised alternative would eliminate the right-of-way take from Yancey's Tavern and eliminate the proposed slope easement. An approximately twelve-foot wide temporary construction easement will be needed on the Yancey's Tavern side. However, after construction the land will be returned to its preconstruction grade and appearance.

In addition, the revised alternative would keep the existing Chestnut Ridge Road open to traffic in front of the tavern rather than have a cul-de-sac to the west. However, Chestnut Ridge Road would no longer tie into SR 126 but would end with a branch turn-around just beyond the tavern. The branch turn-around will provide travelers on Chestnut Ridge Road with a safe way to turn around without having to use Yancey's Tavern's driveway. Landscaping will be added around the turn-around to provide further screening at the historic property. A retaining wall will still be needed on both sides of the road but the height would be approximately six-feet tall. Only a short segment of the retaining wall on the northern side of SR 126 will be visible from Yancey's Tavern.

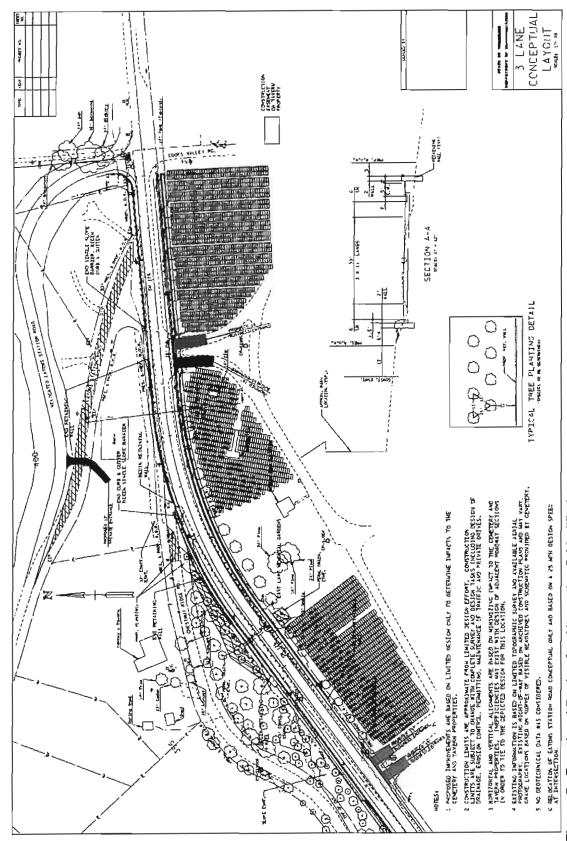


Figure 5: Functional Design for Alternative B Modified

Public Involvement

On November 19, 2003, TDOT mailed letters to nine groups or tribes representing Native American interests and asked them if they wished to participate in the historic review process as consulting parties (list below). To date, TDOT has not received any responses related to architectural resources. Appendix F contains a copy of the letter.

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Mr. Gregory E. Pyle Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma

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Mr. Charles D. Enyart Eastern Shawnee Tribe Oklahoma

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On October 17, 2008, the Documentation of Effect Report was circulated to the following historic groups. A copy of this addendum will be circulated to these historic groups and those that commented on the 2008 document.

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The 2008 Documentation of Effect Report was also provided to the property owners of the National Register listed and eligible properties within the project corridor. The document was then passed on to other regional and statewide organization with a historic preservation

interest. After the public commenting period ended, TDOT forwarded copies of the comment letters and TDOT response letters to the TN-SHPO on January 26, 2009. The following is a summary of the historic comment letters (Copies of the letters can be found in Appendix E).

- November 14, 2008: Mr. Rann Vaulx, owner of Yancey's Tavern, requested that TDOT send a copy of the Documentation of Effect Report to several historic groups (The report was mailed to these groups in December 2008). Mr. Vaulx agreed that the proposed improvements would be an adverse visual impact to the historic property but further commented that the removal of Chestnut Ridge Road would destroy "the paved continuation of the 1761 Island Road." In a letter dated November 24, 2008, TDOT responded to Mr. Vaulx and forwarded a copy of both letters to the TN-SHPO.
- November 19, 2008: Ms. Judith Murray, a member of the Citizens Resource Team (CRT) for the CSS process, wrote at Mr. Vaulx's request, regarding the project. She pointed out the nuances of the CSS process and agreed that the project would adversely impact the historic property. She further requested that TDOT look at additional alignments. Since the majority of her comments dealt with CSS items, the project manager, Ray Henson, responded to her letter on December 23, 2008. A copy of this letter is attached.
- December 18, 2008: A representative of the Association for the Preservation of Tennessee Antiquities (APTA) wrote a letter agreeing with TDOT's position that the proposed project would adversely impact the historic Yancey's Tavern property.
- April 1, 2009: The Netherland Inn/Exchange Place commented on the significance of Yancey's Tavern in the early settlement of Sullivan County. The organization also agreed that the project would have an adverse effect on Yancey's Tavern.

Although each of the public comment letters agreed with TDOT's assessment that the project would adversely affect Yancey's Tavern, the letter writers disagreed with the overall design of the project. Since these letters were written and responded to, TDOT is currently working to resolve the historic issues and this document carefully lays out the ways TDOT is addressing citizen concerns. Each person or organization that responded to the 2008 Documentation of Effects Report will receive a copy of this addendum document.

Inventoried Properties

TDOT historians surveyed the APE for the proposed project and determined that two properties were either listed in or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

- The Shipley-Jarvis House is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. The proposed project adjacent to the Shipley-Jarvis house remains the same as it was described in the 2008 Documentation of Effects Report and, at that time, it was TDOT's opinion that the project would not adversely affect the historic property. Since the design of the project at the Shipley-Jarvis House has not changed it will not be discussed further in this addendum.
- Yancey's Tavern was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1972. The design
 of the proposed project has been changed and the following is the documentation of effect
 to Yancey's Tavern.

Yancey's Tavern:

Chestnut Ridge Road

Listed in the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A for its association in the early settlement of Sullivan County, Yancey's Tavern is situated on Chestnut Ridge Road located to the northwest of the existing State Route 126. In the 2008 report, the design of the proposed project adjacent to Yancey's Tavern included a four-lane cross-section; however, no right-of-way was being taken from the historic property with all of the proposed right-of-way at the property coming off of the East Lawn Memorial Garden on the southern side of State Route 126. In the 2008 report, it was the opinion of TDOT that the project would have an adverse effect to the National Register listed property.

The following information is from the 1972 National Register Nomination:

Yancey's Tavern, built by 1782, was at one time, and remains so beneath its present covering, a double log house with a dogtrot. Handfired brick replaced the original stone chimneys and part of the stone foundation, probably sometime in the nineteenth century. More recently, brick was used to completely enclose the cellar area, although the framing of the door and window openings leading into the cellar are much earlier. Both front and back porches are later. The one-story back wing is not original to the house, although the fireplace with its simple mantel and crane suggests an early date. The placement of the back chimney also suggests the possibility that this area was once a small distance from the main structure and served as a kitchen. Window and door openings in the structure are not entirely original, but their location would pre-date the twentieth century.

The interior of Yancey's Tavern is simple, with three plain but well-executed mantels on the first floor. Two second-story rooms are reached by separate stairways. On the upper floor, construction of the dogtrot is visible because this section of the house has not been finished for use.

Miscellaneous frame outbuildings of varying dates surround the dwelling house. Most of the structures, including a barn, wash house, spring house, chicken house, and corncrib, date from the late nineteenth or early twentieth centuries. The frame granary with its shingle roof and stone foundation is considerably earlier.¹

The nomination further states:

Yancey's Tavern was an important stop along the Island Road, the major artery in upper East Tennessee. As such, it figured prominently in the development of the area, attracting as its visitors such men as John Sevier and William Blount, and serving as headquarters for local business such as meetings of the Sullivan County court.

The Island Road predates Yancey's Tavern. Completed in September 1761, it was the first organized road to be built not only in Tennessee but also to the southwest, connecting Chilhowie, Virginia, to the Long Island of the Holston River. Although built for

¹ Ellen Beasley, "Yancey's Tavern," *National Register of Historic Places Nomination*, 10 November 1972, On file with the Tennessee Historical Commission, Nashville, Tennessee.

military purposes, it served as a route for settlers. Part of the Island Road later became known as the Great Stage Road.

Along the road in the Tennessee section were three forts, including Eaton's Fort. This fort was located on property which, by the early 1770s, was part of Amos Eaton's 'corn rights' lands. In 1779, Eaton sold a portion of his land near the fort to James Hollis, who, in turn, sold 900 acres to John Yancey Sr. in 1782. It is not known if Yancey's purchase included a dwelling or if Yancey built the structure; however, within a short period, the tavern was in operation. Yancey's heirs maintained the property until the last half of the nineteenth century, when it changed ownership several times prior to being purchased in 1889 by John R. Spahr, whose descendants still own the place today.²



Figure 6: Front elevation of the National Register listed Yancey's Tavern located on the Old Stage Road near the intersection with State Route 126. This photograph was taken in 2003. In September 2004, the area surrounding the historic property was broken into 16 tracts of land and sold at auction.

Figure 7: Side elevation showing the exterior brick chimney that, according to the National Register nomination, replaced an earlier stone chimney.



Figure 8: Side elevation showing the Other brick chimney

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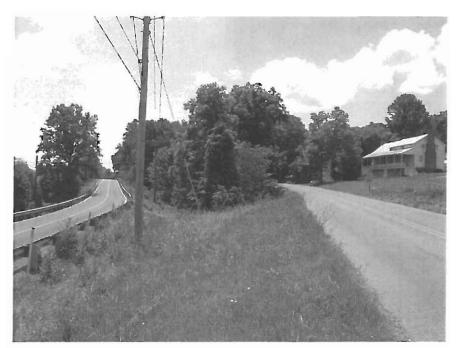


Figure 9: Current Photograph of the setting at Yancey's Tavern. The proposed project would shift the three-lane, urban roadway to the north removing the mature trees that are currently between Yancey's Tavern and State Route 126 and a retaining wall would cross over part Chestnut Ridge Road. Landscaping is planned that will help shield Yancey's Tavern from the new alignment.

National Register Boundary Information

In the early 1970s, the National Register program rarely required defined boundaries for historic properties. The National Register nomination for Yancey's Tavern was completed in 1972. The boundaries are defined as five acres. The following map shows the approximate 5 acre-National Register boundary recommended by the TN-SHPO.

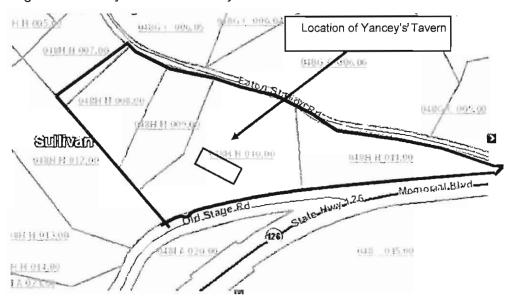


Figure 10: Approximate National Register Boundary for Yancey's Tavern as outlined in the 1972 National Register nomination.

DOCUMENTATION OF EFFECTS—Alternative B Modified at Yancey's Tavern

TDOT applied the Criteria of Effect as found in 36 CFR 800.5 to the proposed design, entitled *Alternative B Modified*, adjacent to the historic property. In 2008, the proposed design included a four-lane urban cross-section with no right-of-way coming from within the National Register boundary of the historic property. However, it was the opinion of TDOT that the proposed project would introduce a road that is out-of-scale and character with the historic property and would be an adverse visual effect to the historic property.

In June of 2012, TDOT proposed design changes to Alternative B1 that reduced the crosssection from a four-lane urban roadway to a three-lane urban roadway. Although the width of the road was reduced, the roadway would still have been almost double the pavement width of the existing two-lane road with this alternative. This proposed design would not take any land from the East Lawn Funeral Home and Cemetery on the southern side of the road but required approximately one acre of right-of-way and about 0.1 acres of permanent easements from within the boundary of the historic property. Additionally, this proposed design would have required a retaining wall on both sides of State Route 126, the existing alignment of Chestnut Ridge Road would have been cut off from State Route 126 with a cul-de-sac that would have been to the west of Yancey's Tavern that cut the historic property off from Chestnut Ridge Road and would have required a new driveway. Additionally, the three-lane urban roadway with approximately 45-feet of pavement would have been shifted to the north closer to the historic property. Due to these design features, it was the opinion of TDOT that the proposed Alternative B1 from June 2012 would adversely affect Yancey's Tavern. In a letter dated June 13, 2012, the TN-SHPO agreed with TDOT's findings. Figure 4 (on page 8) contains the functional plan sheet showing the proposed Alternative B1 at Yancey's Tavern.

Due to the potential adverse effect of Alternative B1, TDOT historians worked with the designers to minimize harm to the historic property, Yancey's Tavern. According to the plans for Alternative B Modified, the proposed project would shift the right-of-way from Yancey's Tavern to the south onto the East Lawn Memorial Garden and Cemetery but would not be shifted so far to the south that occupied graves would need to be relocated. This would allow for only a small temporary construction easement within the National Register boundary of Yancey's Tayern and that construction easement would be returned to the current grade and appearance after construction is completed. A retaining wall would be required on both the north and south sides of the proposed State Route 126; however, given the existing grade and elevation of the historic Yancey's Tavern building only a short section of the wall would be visible from the house itself. Although little of the retaining wall will be visible from Yancey's Tavern, TDOT is proposing an aesthetic treatment to the wall that will be compatible with the historic landscape but will be minimalist in its design. TDOT will consult with the TN-SHPO and consulting parties in designing the retaining wall in order to get their review and comments on the proposed design feature. The cross-section in Alternative B Modified would also be reduced by the removal of the sidewalks on the northern side of State Route 126. Utilities will be relocated with this revised alternative and according to representatives from TDOT's Right-of-Way and Utilities Divisions there is sufficient space within that cross-section to relocate all utilities.

Additionally, mature trees currently shield Yancey's Tavern from State Route 126, and the shift to the south would allow more of those trees to remain than previous alternatives. Although these revisions would allow for more of the existing trees to remain, some of the trees would be removed. In order to re-screen the area in front of Yancey's Tavern, TDOT is proposing a detailed landscaping plan that will be created in consultation with TDOT, the TN-SHPO and

consulting parties to provide appropriate plantings for the area. As the proposed project continues to be designed, landscaping and aesthetic details will be presented to the TN-SHPO and consulting parties for review and comment.

Alternative B Modified would also keep Chestnut Ridge Road open in front of Yancey's Tavern, allowing the historic property to keep its entrance off the existing Chestnut Ridge Road. Although Yancey's Tavern will continue to stay connected to Chestnut Ridge Road, the road itself will no longer intersect with State Route 126 to the east of Yancey's Tavern. Chestnut Ridge Road will end slightly to the southeast of the tavern itself and a branch turn-around will be provided at the dead end to give travelers the opportunity to turn around. The turn-around has been provided in order to keep drivers from using Yancey's Tavern's driveway as a turn-around and to continue to allow Yancey's Tavern to have access from Chestnut Ridge Road. Having a branch turn-around rather than a cul-de-sac will give the dead end a more rural feel rather than the suburban feel of a bulb-out cul-de-sac. The branch turn-around will require some of the mature trees to the southwest of Yancey's Tavern to be removed; however, TDOT will develop a detailed landscaping plan, in conjunction with the TN-SHPO and consulting parties, that will replace the vegetation that will need to be removed with the branch, turn-around design.

A drawing of the branch turn-around can be found in Figure 11. Figure 12 shows the existing setting from the porch at Yancey's Tavern. Figure 13 is a computer generated rendering from Yancey's Tavern toward State Route 126 after the proposed project is complete. Figure 14 shows the existing view of Yancey's Tavern from the cemetery. Figure 15 is a computer generated rendering showing the roadway and the tavern after construction is completed. Figure 16 shows the functional design plans for the *Alternative B Modified* with the location of the proposed landscaping shown in a general format. The detailed landscaping plan will be developed by TDOT and will be designed in consultation with the TN-SHPO and consulting parties.

Alternative B Modified includes numerous design revisions to minimize harm to the historic property. Alternative B Modified will reduce the pavement width of the proposed State Route 126 with the removal of the sidewalk on the northern side of the road and will shift the roadway alignment as far south as possible without taking graves from the East Lawn Memorial Garden. Additionally, the need for right-of-way from Yancey's Tavern has been eliminated with this alternative, taking only a temporary construction easement at the tavern. Yancey's Tavern will also stay connected to Chestnut Ridge Road as it was historically; however Chestnut Ridge Road will have a branch turn-around at the dead end just southeast of the tavern. TDOT will design a detailed landscaping plan that is compatible with the existing landscape and an aesthetic treatment for the retaining wall will be developed with the TN-SHPO and consulting parties in order to provide additional screening at the tavern.

For the reasons stated above, it is the opinion of TDOT that the proposed *Alternative B Modified* will have **No Adverse Effect** on the National Register listed Yancey's Tavern.

36CFR 800.5 (a) Apply Criteria of Adverse Effect

In consultation with the SHPO/THPO and any Indian tribe or Native Hawaiian organization that attaches religious and cultural significance to identified historic properties, the Agency Official shall apply the criteria of adverse effect to historic properties within the area of potential effects. The Agency Official shall consider any views concerning such effects, which have been provided by consulting parties and the public.

(a) (1) Criteria of Adverse Effect

An adverse effect is found when an undertaking may alter, directly or indirectly, any of the characteristics of a historic property that qualify the property for inclusion in the National Register in a manner that would diminish the integrity of the property's location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, or association. Consideration shall be given to all qualifying characteristics of a historic property, including those that may have been identified subsequent to the original evaluation of the property's eligibility for the National Register. Adverse effects may include reasonably foreseeable effects caused by the undertaking that may occur later in time, be farther removed in distance or be cumulative.

(b) (2) Examples of Adverse Effects

An undertaking is considered to have an Adverse Effect when the effect on a historic property may diminish the integrity of the property's location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, or association. Adverse effects on historic properties include, but are not limited to:

 Physical destruction of or damage to all or part of the property;

The proposed *Alternative B Modified* shifts the proposed right-of-way to the south of the historic property onto the East Lawn Memorial Garden, eliminating the need for right-of-way from within the National Register Boundary of Yancey's Tavern. Only a temporary construction easement that is approximately twelve feet wide will be needed and after construction the area will be returned to its pre-construction slope and appearance. Therefore, it is the opinion of TDOT that the proposed *Alternative B Modified* would not physically damage or destroy all or part of the historic property.

(ii) Removal of the property from its historic location

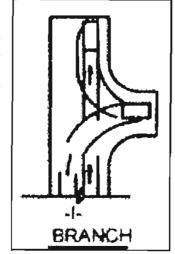
The proposed *Alternative B Modified* would not result in the removal of a contributing structure from its historic location.

(iii) Change of the character of the property's use or physical features within the property's setting that contribute to its historic significance;

Yancey's Tavern was listed in the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A for its significance in the early settlement of Sullivan County. *Alternative B Modified* shifts the proposed three-lane roadway further to the south than previous alternatives. The overall amount of pavement is also reduced by the removal of the sidewalk on the northern side of State Route 126. Since the roadway is shifted to the south, more mature trees located directly in front of Yancey's Tavern will remain in place. The trees that are removed for the new roadway will be replanted on the slope with a detailed landscaping plan that will be coordinated with the TN-SHPO and consulting parties. Additionally, Chestnut Ridge Road will remain open and provide access to the historic tavern and will remain a small, two-lane road that has historically provided access to structure. This keeps the historic road pattern in place. A branch turn-around with landscaping will end Chestnut Ridge Road to the southeast of the historic tavern rather than a suburban cul-de-sac. This design feature will provide travelers with the opportunity to turn around at the dead end without using the Yancey's Tavern property as a

turn around. Figure 11 shows the proposed branch design. This design will provide a more natural ending to the road while providing additional screening from State Route 126.

Figure 11: This drawing, from the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) Handbook, shows the standard for the proposed branch turn-around at the dead end on Chestnut Ridge Road adjacent to Yancey's Tavern. It shows the reduced pavement and rural feel of the turn-around. The branch will be located away from the historic property and TDOT is proposing to provide a detailed landscaping plan developed in coordination with the TN-SHPO and consulting parties, at the branch.



A retaining wall will be required on both the northern and southern sides of State Route 126; however it will be shorter than in previous alternatives. Due to the slope and terrain at Yancev's Tavern, only a small section of the retaining wall will be visible from the porch of the historic tavern. TDOT will use an aesthetic treatment on the wall to improve the overall aesthetic design of the project from State Route 126 itself. The aesthetic features of the retaining wall will be coordinated with the TN-SHPO and consulting parties in order to design a wall that fits the character of the environment surrounding the historic property. Figure 12 is a 2012 photograph that shows the view from the second-story porch at Yancey's Tavern as State Route 126 currently looks. Figure 13 is a computer generated rendering from the same spot on the Yancey's Tavern porch as it will look after the completion of the proposed State Route 126 improvements. Note that in Figure 13 the landscaping around the branch turn-around is conceptual and a detailed landscaping plan will be designed in consultation with the TN-SHPO and consulting parties. Figure 14 shows the view from State Route 126 to the northeast toward Yancey's Tavern as it currently looks. Figure 15 is a computer generated that shows the view of the landscape from State Route 126 after the project is complete. Since the rendering is a conceptual plan, design details of the retaining wall and the landscaping plan will be determined in more detail in consultation with the TN-SHPO and consulting parties. Figure 16 shows the area where trees will be removed and the general area for tree plantings; however a detailed landscaping plan will be developed in consultation with the TN-SHPO and consulting parties.

Due to the design of Alternative B Modified, it is the opinion of TDOT that the proposed project would not change the character of the property's use or physical features that contribute to its historic significance.



Figure 12: Existing setting from the Yancey's Tavern porch



Figure 13: A computer rendering showing the setting from the porch at Yancey's Tavern. Note that the branch turnaround is beyond the tavern itself which will allow the tavern to remain on the road it has historically been associated with. As part of the project, TDOT will create a landscaping plan that may include trees other than the ones show in the rendering. The landscaping plan will be developed in consultation with the TN-SHPO and consulting parties.

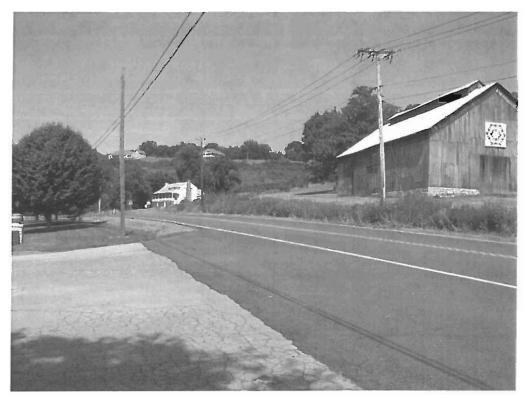


Figure 14: Existing view of Yancey's Tavern from State Route 126

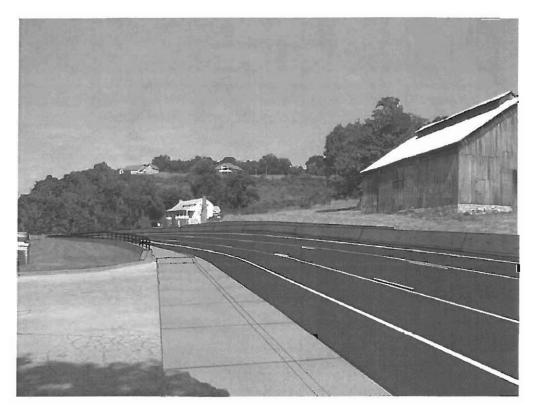


Figure 15: Computer generated rendering from the cemetery toward Yancey's Tavern showing the view of the property from the road. The colors depicted in the rendering are due to the nature of the technology and it appears darker that it should be when constructed.

(iv) Introduction of visual, atmospheric, or audible elements that diminish the integrity of the property's significant historic features;

Yancey's Tavern is eligible for listing in the National Register under Criterion A for its significance in the early settlement of Sullivan County and was historically used as a hotel and restaurant for travelers in the late eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. Historically associated with the road, the tavern currently sits on a two-lane road with vegetation between the historic property and the existing State Route 126. *Alternative B Modified* would build a three-lane roadway that has been shifted further to the south than previous alternatives and the cross-section has been reduced by the removal of the sidewalk on the northern side of State Route 126. These design changes would allow for more of the mature trees that currently separate Yancey's Tavern from State Route 126 to remain in place and provisions have been made to landscape the northern slope of the proposed three-lane roadway in order to provide additional vegetative screening for the tavern.

Since its historical association is with the road itself, *Alternative B Modified* proposes to keep Chestnut Ridge Road open in front of Yancey's Tavern which will allow for continued access at its historic entrance. Chestnut Ridge Road will be closed just beyond the tavern itself and a branch turnaround with landscaping will mark the end of Chestnut Ridge Road. This branch turn-around will provide drivers with the opportunity to safely turn around without using the driveway at Yancey's Tavern. TDOT will also provide landscaping around the turn-around for additional screening from the proposed three-lane facility. The Alternative B Modified has proposed right-of-way that has been shifted to the south and the height of the retaining wall on the northern side of State Route 126 at Yancey's Tavern has been reduced. Additionally, keeping the mature trees, the historic road configuration, and ending Chestnut Ridge with a branch turn-around and landscaping will provide historically appropriate screening. Therefore, it is the opinion of TDOT that the proposed Alternative B Modified would not introduce any visual, atmospheric, or audible elements that diminish the integrity of Yancey's Tavern.

(v) Neglect of a property which causes its deterioration, except where such neglect or deterioration are recognized qualities or a property of religious and cultural significance to an Indian tribe or Native Hawaiian organization; and

The proposed improvements will not result in the neglect or associated deterioration of Yancey's Tavern.

Based on the proposed design of *Alternative B Modified*, it is the opinion of TDOT that the proposed project would have **no adverse effect** on Yancey's Tavern.

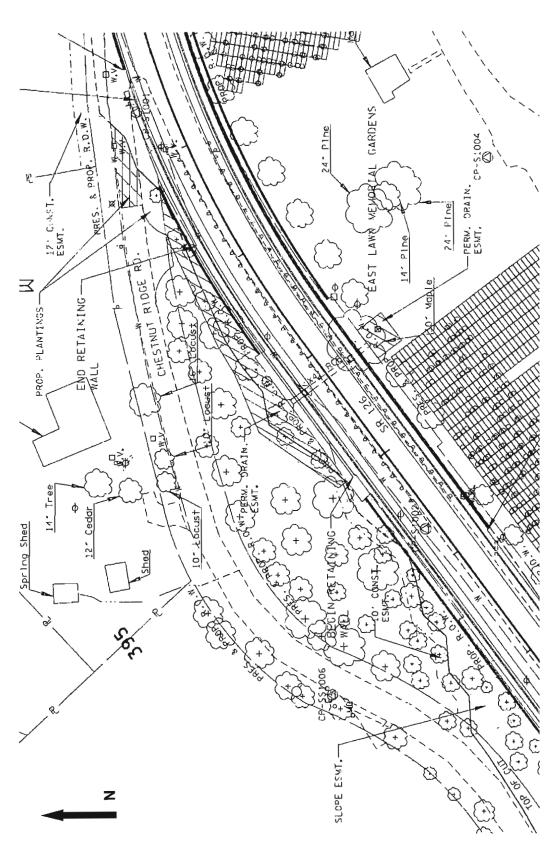


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Section 4(f) Involvement—Alternative B Modified at Yancey's Tavern

Codified at 49 CFR 303, "Section 4(f)" refers to a section of the U.S. Department of Transportation Act (1966, as amended) that gives special consideration to the use of park and recreational lands, wildlife and waterfowl refuges, and historic sites by federally assisted transportation projects. To be considered "historic," a property must be either listed in the National Register of Historic Places or is determined eligible for such listing by the Keeper of the Register of the State Historic Preservation Officer, Section 4(f) applies only to those projects using federal funds from the U.S. Department of Transportation.

Federal laws state that the Secretary of the Department of Transportation may approve the use of land from a historic site only if:

- (1.) there is no prudent or feasible alternative to using that land, and
- (2.) the program or project includes all possible planning to minimize harm to the historic site resulting from the use (see Appendix D).

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) determines if the requirements of the Section 4(f) stature are met. The FHWA will approve the use of the Section 4(f) property only if the requirements are satisfied.

The proposed project would not incorporate any land from the historic boundary into a transportation facility nor would it adversely affect it while temporarily occupying land within the boundaries of the historic property. The proposed project would not substantially impair any activities, features, or attributes that qualify the historic property as eligible for listing in the National Register. Under the Section 106 process, the proposed project would have an effect that is not adverse to the historic property. For these reasons, it is the opinion of TDOT that the proposed project would not have a Section 4(f) use of the historic property.

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Conclusions

The Tennessee Department of Transportation with funding made available through the Federal Highway Administration is proposing to improve State Route 126 from East Center Street to I-81 in Kingsport.

This addendum report discusses the effects to the National Register listed property: Yancey's Tavern located on State Route 126 outside of Kingsport. In 2004, TDOT historians surveyed the Area of Potential Effects (APE) and inventoried 96 properties. In a 2005 report, it was the opinion of TDOT that one property, Yancey's Tavern, was listed in the National Register of Historic Places and one additional property, the Shipley-Jarvis House, was eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. In a letter, dated March 22, 2005, the Tennessee State Historic Preservation Officer (TN-SHPO) concurred with these findings.

In 2008, TDOT historians sent a Documentation of Effects report to the TN-SHPO and in that document stated that it was TDOT's opinion that the proposed project would not adversely affect the Shipley-Jarvis House and would adversely affect Yancey's Tavern. The TN-SHPO agreed with TDOT's findings in a November 3, 2008 letter. In the 2008 report, the alignment adjacent to Yancey's Tavern indicated that a substantial number of graves in the East Lawn Funeral Home and Memorial Garden would be relocated as part of both of the proposed alternatives.

In 2012, the negative public response to the removal of graves and reburials caused TDOT to redesign a segment of the roadway adjacent to Yancey's Tavern. The design of the project at the Shipley-Jarvis House has not changed so the effects remain the same as described in the 2008 document. In an effort to avoid the removal of graves from the East Lawn Memorial Garden, TDOT redesigned the proposed project between Yancey's Tavern and the East Lawn Memorial Garden in June 2012.

In June 2012, Alternative B1 was proposed and would not have required any additional right-of-way from the memorial garden but would have required right-of-way from the northern side of the State Route 126, and would have resulted in taking approximately one acre of right-of-way and about 0.1 acres of permanent slope easements from the historic property. With this alternative, a retaining wall that would have been seven feet tall at its highest point was proposed on the northern side of the roadway in front of the tavern and a cul-de-sac was proposed for the existing Chestnut Ridge Road to the west of the historic property, disconnecting it from the road with which it has been historically associated. Based on the right-of-way take, height of the retaining wall, and the introduction of a modern, urban roadway, it was the opinion of TDOT that Alternative B1 would have an adverse effect to the historic property. In a letter, dated June 13, 2012, the TN-SHPO agreed with TDOT's findings.

In an effort to minimize harm to Yancey's Tavern, the proposed project has been redesigned in the area between Yancey's Tavern and the East Lawn Memorial Garden. According to the plans for *Alternative B Modified*, the proposed project would shift the right-of-way from Yancey's Tavern to the south onto the East Lawn Memorial Garden and Cemetery but would not be shifted so far to the south that occupied graves would need to be relocated. This would allow for only a small construction easement of approximately twelve-feet within the National Register boundary of Yancey's Tavern. After construction, the easement area will be returned to the current grade and appearance. A retaining wall will be required on both the north and south side of the proposed State Route 126; however, given the existing grade and elevation of the historic Yancey's Tavern building the wall would not be visible from the house itself.

Additionally with *Alternative B Modified*, the shift to the south would allow more mature trees that currently shield Yancey's Tavern from the road to stay in place and TDOT is proposing additional landscaping with this alternative. *Alternative B Modified* would keep Chestnut Ridge Road open in front of Yancey's Tavern, allowing the historic property to keep its entrance off the existing road and the historic connection to that road. Chestnut Ridge Road would dead end to the southeast of Yancey's Tavern with a branch turn-around that will provide motorists with a safe turn-around location at the dead end without using the driveway at Yancey's Tavern. The branch turn-around will be located away from the historic property and a landscaping plan is proposed at the end of the road to make a more natural ending rather than a suburban cul-de-sac.

Alternative B Modified includes numerous design revisions to minimize harm to the historic property. Alternative B Modified will reduce the pavement width of the proposed State Route 126 with the removal of the sidewalk on the northern side of the road and will shift the roadway alignment as far south as possible without taking graves from the East Lawn Memorial Garden. Additionally, the need for right-of-way from Yancey's Tavern has been eliminated with this alternative, taking only a temporary construction easement at the tavern. Yancey's Tavern will also stay connected to Chestnut Ridge Road as it was historically; however Chestnut Ridge Road will have a branch turnaround at the dead end just southeast of the tavern. A landscaping plan and an aesthetic treatment for the retaining wall will be developed with the TN-SHPO and consulting parties in order to continually have vegetative screening at the tavern.

For the reasons stated above, it is the opinion of TDOT that the proposed *Alternative B Modified* will have **No Adverse Effect** on the National Register listed Yancey's Tavern. Pursuant to Section 4(f) of the U.S. Department of Transportation Act of 1966, the proposed project would not constitute a Section 4(f) use of a historic property.

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SECTION 106 REVIEW, NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION ACT OF 1966

Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act requires that Federal agencies consider what effects their actions and/or actions they may assist, permit, or license, may have on historic properties, and that they give the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (Council) a "reasonable opportunity to comment" on such actions. The Council is an independent Federal agency. Its role in the review of actions under Section 106 is to encourage agencies to consider, and where feasible, adopt measures that will preserve historic properties that would otherwise be damaged or destroyed. The Council's regulations, entitled "Protection of Historic Properties" (36 CFR Part 800) govern the Section 106 process. The Council does not have the authority to require agencies to halt or abandon projects that will affect historic properties.

Section 106 applies to properties that have been listed in the *National Register of Historic Places (NRHP)*, properties that have been determined to be eligible for inclusion in the NRHP, and properties that may be eligible but have not yet been evaluated. If a property has not yet been nominated to the NRHP or determined eligible for inclusion, it is the responsibility of the Federal agency involved to ascertain its eligibility.

The Council's regulations are set forth in a process consisting of four basic steps which are as follows:

- Initiate Section 106 Process: The Federal agency responsible for the action establishes the undertaking, determines
 whether the undertaking has the potential to affect historic properties (i.e., properties listed in or eligible for listing in
 the National Register of Historic Places), and identifies the appropriate State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) or
 Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (THPO). At this time, the agency plans to involve the public and identify other
 consulting parties.
- 2. <u>Identify Historic Properties</u>: If the agency's undertaking has the potential to affect historic properties, the agency determines the scope of appropriate identification efforts and proceeds to identify historic properties within the area of potential effects. Identification involves assessing the adequacy of existing survey data, inventories, and other information on the area's historic properties. This process may also include conducting further studies as necessary and consulting with the SHPO/THPO, consulting parties, local governments, and other interested parties. If properties are discovered that may be eligible for the National Register, but have not been listed or determined eligible for listing, the agency consults with the SHPO/THPO and, if needed, the Keeper of the National Register to determine the eligibility status of the property.
- Assess Adverse Effects: The agency, in consultation with the SHPO/THPO, assesses the potential effects to historic
 properties affected by the undertaking. The agency at this time will determine that the action will have "no adverse
 effect" or an "adverse effect" on historic properties. Consulting parties and interested members of the public are
 informed of these findings.
 - The regulations provide specific criteria for determining whether an action will have an effect, and whether that effect will be adverse. Generally, if the action may alter the characteristics that make a property eligible for the National Register, it is recognized that the undertaking will have an effect. If those alterations may be detrimental to the property's characteristics, including relevant qualities of the property's environment or use, the effects are recognized as "adverse."
- 4. <u>Resolve Adverse Effects:</u> The agency consults with the SHPO/THPO and others, including consulting parties and members of the public. The Council may choose to participate in consultation, particularly under circumstances where there are substantial impacts to historic properties, when a case presents important questions about interpretation, or if there is the potential for procedural problems. Consultation usually results in a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA).

If agreement cannot be reached, the agency, SHPO/THPO, or Council may terminate consultation. If the SHPO/THPO terminates consultation, the agency and the Council may conclude the MOA without SHPO/THPO involvement. If the SHPO/THPO terminates consultation and the undertaking is on or affecting historic properties on tribal lands, the Council must provide formal comments. The agency must request Council comments if no agreement can be reached.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES AS SET FORTH AT 36 CFR 60.4

The quality of significance in American history, architecture, archaeology, and culture is present in districts, sites, buildings, structures, and objects that possess integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association, and:

- CRITERION A. that are associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history (history); or
- CRITERION B. that are associated with the lives of persons significant in our past (person); or
- CRITERION C. that embody the distinctive characteristic of a type, period, or method of construction
 or that represent the work of a master, or that possess high artistic values, or that components may lack
 individual distinction (architecture); or
- CRITERION D. that have yielded, or may be likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history (archaeology).

Ordinarily, cemeteries; birthplaces or graves of historical figures; properties owned by religious institutions or used for religious purposes; structures that have been moved from their original locations; reconstructed historic buildings; properties primarily commemorative in nature; and properties that have achieved significance within the past 50 years are not considered eligible for the National Register of Historic Places; however, such properties will qualify if they are integral parts of historic districts that do meet the criteria or if they fall within the following categories:

- EXCEPTION A. a religious property deriving primary significance from architectural or artistic distinction or historical importance; or
- EXCEPTION B. a building or structure removed from its original location but which is significant
 primarily for architectural value, or which is the surviving structure most importantly associated with a
 historic person or event; or
- EXCEPTION C. a birthplace or grave of a historical figure of outstanding importance if there is no other appropriate site or building directly associated with his productive life; or
- EXCEPTION D. a cemetery which derives its primary significance from graves or persons of transcendent importance, from age, from distinctive design features, or from association with historic events; or
- EXCEPTION E. a reconstructed building when accurately executed in a suitable environment and presented in a dignified manner as part of a restoration master plan, and when no other building or structure with the same association has survived; or
- EXCEPTION F. a property primarily commemorative in intent if design, age, tradition, or symbolic value has invested it with its own historical significance; or
- EXCEPTION G. a property achieving significance within the past 50 years if it is of exceptional importance.

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

Summary Sheet Prepared by TDOT

What is the National Register of Historic Places? The National Register, maintained by the Keeper of the Register within the National Park Service, Department of Interior, is the nation's official list of districts, buildings, sites, structures, and objects significant in American history, architecture, archeology, engineering, and culture.

What are the benefits and restrictions of listing? In addition to honorific recognition, listing in the National Register results in the following benefits for historic properties:

- Section 106 provides for consideration of National Register listed or eligible properties in planning for Federal, federally licensed, and federally assisted projects;
- Eligibility for certain tax provisions for the certified rehabilitation of incomeproducing National Register structures such as commercial, industrial, or rental residential buildings;
- Consideration of historic values in the decision to issue a surface mining permit where coal is located in accordance with the Surface Mining Control Act of 1977;
 and
- Qualification of Federal grants for historic preservation, when funds are available.

Does National Register designation place any additional burdens or obligations on the property owner? Owners of private property listed in the National Register are free to maintain, manage, or dispose of their property as they choose, provided that no Federal moneys are involved.

How is a property nominated to the National Register? The first step is for the owner to contact the Tennessee State Historic Preservation Office (TN-SHPO), Clover Bottom Mansion, 2941 Lebanon Road, Nashville, TN 37243-0442; 615-532-1558. Ordinarily, private individuals (or paid consultants) prepare nomination forms. The TN-SHPO submits these nominations to a State Review Board, which meets three times a year. This body reviews the nominations and votes to recommend or deny National Register listing. If approved, the TN-SHPO submits the nomination to the Keeper of the Register in Washington, D.C. for consideration for listing. The Keeper's Office has 45 days to review the nomination, and its decision regarding National Register listing is final.

How long does the nomination process take? The process varies but typically takes between eight and twelve months.

CRITERIA OF ADVERSE EFFECT

Regulations codified at 36 CFR 800 require Federal agencies to assess their impacts to historic resources. The regulations provide specific criteria for determining whether an action will have an effect, and whether that effect will be adverse. These criteria are given below.

36 CFR 800.5 Assessment of Adverse Effects

- (a) Apply Criteria of Adverse Effect. In consultation with the SHPO/THPO and any Indian tribe or Native Hawaiian organization that attaches religious and cultural significance to identified historic properties, the Agency Official shall apply the criteria of adverse effect to historic properties within the area of potential effects. The Agency Official shall consider any views concerning such effects which have been provided by consulting parties and the public.
- (1) Criteria of adverse effect. An adverse effect is found when an undertaking may alter, directly or indirectly, any of the characteristics of a historic property that qualify the property for inclusion in the National Register in a manner that would diminish the integrity of the property's location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, or association. Consideration shall be given to all qualifying characteristics of a historic property, including those that may have been identified subsequent to the original evaluation of the property's eligibility for the National Register. Adverse effects may include reasonably foreseeable effects caused by the undertaking that may occur later in time, be farther removed in distance or be cumulative.
- (2) Examples of adverse effects. Adverse effects on historic properties include, but are not limited to:
 - (i) Physical destruction of or damage to all or part of the property;
- (ii) Alteration of a property, including restoration, rehabilitation, repair, maintenance, stabilization, hazardous material remediation and provision of handicapped access that is not consistent with the Secretary's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties and applicable guidelines;
 - (iii) Removal of the property from its historic location;
- (iv) Change of the character of the property's use or of physical features within the property's setting that contribute to its historic significance;
- (v) Introduction of visual, atmospheric or audible elements that diminish the integrity of the property's significant historic features;
- (vi) Neglect of a property which causes its deterioration, except where such neglect and deterioration are recognized qualities of a property of religious and cultural significance to an Indian tribe or Native Hawaiian organization; and
- (vii) Transfer, lease or sale of property out of Federal ownership or control without adequate and legally enforceable restrictions or conditions to ensure long-term preservation of the property's historic significance.

SECTION 4(f), TOOT SUMMARY SHEET

WHAT IS SECTION 4 (f)? Codified at 49 CFR 303, "Section 4 (f)" refers to a section of the U.S. Department of Transportation Act which gives special consideration to the use of park and recreation lands, wildlife and waterfowl refuges, and historic sites by Federally assisted transportation projects. Section 4 (f) applies only to those projects using funds from the U.S. Department of Transportation. The law states:

- (c) The Secretary may approve a transportation program or project (other than any project for a park road or parkway under section 204 of title 23) requiring the use of publicly owned land of a public park, recreation area, or wildlife and waterfowl refuge of national, State, or local significance, or land of an historic site of national, State, or local significance (as determined by the Federal, State, or local officials having jurisdiction over the park, area, refuge, or site) only if -
 - (1) there is no prudent or feasible alternative to using that land; and
- (2) the program or project includes all possible planning to minimize harm to the park, recreation area, wildlife and waterfowl refuge, or historic site resulting from the use.

WHAT IS THE SECTION 4 (f) PROCESS FOR HISTORIC PROPERTIES? To be considered "historic," a property must either be listed in the National Register of Historic Places or be determined eligible for such listing by the Keeper of the Register or the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO).

On any project, the primary objective is to develop a design that does not have Section 4(f) involvement. If such a design is not possible, then the Section 4 (f) documentation is prepared and circulated. Such documentation is circulated to all appropriate agencies or groups (consistent with the Section 106 process and the National Environmental Policy Act), and as applicable, to the U.S. Department of the Interior, Housing and Urban Development, and Agriculture. It is also circulated to the agency having authority over the Section 4 (f) property. For historic properties, such agencies are the SHPO and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP). After review of any comments received, the final Section 4(f) documentation is sent to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) which determines if the requirements of the Section 4(f) statute are met. If the requirements are satisfied, then the FHWA will approve the use of the Section 4 (f) property.

HOW ARE SECTION 4 (f) AND SECTION 106 RELATED? Section 106 is a provision of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, which requires all federal agencies to consider the effects of their projects on historic properties and to provide the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) an opportunity to comment on those effects. The ACHP has promulgated regulations at 36 CFR 800 that describe the procedures that agencies must follow in order to comply with Section 106. Many of the Section 106 documentation requirements overlap the Section 4 (f) documentation requirements for historic properties. For this reason, for projects having a 4(f) use of a historic site, the documentation for Section 106 and Section 4 (f) is usually combined into one document and circulated to the appropriate groups described above. The consent of neither the SHPO nor the ACHP is necessary for FHWA to approve a Section 4 (f) use, but FHWA gives great consideration to comments from these agencies.

APPENDIX E 2008 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION LETTERS

405 Wine Circle Blountville, TN 37617 November 14, 2008

Ms Tammy Sellers, TDOT Environmental Division 505 Deaderick St. Suite 900 Nashville, TN 37243

Reference: Documentation of Effect of proposed improvements to State Route 126 (Memorial Boulevard) from East Center Street to Interstate 81

Dear Ms. Sellers:

Thank you for including me in the distribution of the referenced report. As the owner and restorer (some say savior) of Yancey's Tavern I definitely want to follow the plans for Hwy 126.

First some suggestions and requests for your distribution list as given on Page 6 of the referenced report. For the Sullivan County Historical Society, Dennis Houser (471 Camp Placid Road, Blountville, TN 37617) should replace Sam Stuffle, who is deceased. In addition the following will be interested in the adverse impact of this project on Yancey's Tavern: President of Netherland Inn/Exchange Place Association (P.O. Box 293, Kingsport, TN 37662) and President of Association for the Preservation of Tennessee Antiquities (APTA 110 Leake Avenue, Nashville, TN 37205). Please send them copies of the referenced report.

The referenced report states correctly that the National Register site Yancey's Tavern was sold at auction September 11, 2004. So that your readers know the status of this local historic treasure the Hwy 126 project could adversely impact, be advised I bought the house to prevent its demolition by hewn log buyers who were active bidders at the auction. I bore the cost of its restoration and furnishing with good older reproductions of 18th century furniture. I maintain it at an annual cost of about \$4000. As it is not a house museum, I have allowed a broad cross section of groups to hold meetings and other events in the house at no charge. These groups include historic, patriotic, genealogy, garden, and social clubs, church Sunday school classes (covered dish suppers), Kingsport Chamber of Commerce (tourism and historic preservation teams), and joint legislative/judicial socials.

The referenced report admits there will be an adverse visual impact on Yancey's Tavern from the conversion of the present two lane Hwy 126 to a divided four lane with curbs,

gutters and sidewalks as recommended by the resource team. Trying to excuse this by saying the Tavern has always been on a main road starting with the Island Road, which was built in 1761, is laughable. Fronting direct on an urban four-lane would alter the Tavern's context in the history of our community and state! Taking no right-of-way from the Yancey's Tavern National Register boundary is commendable and should be an absolute if avoidance of delay of the project is a factor.

One of the most distressing and unacceptable adverse impacts revealed by the referenced report is the destruction of Chestnut Ridge Road west of Yancey's Tavern (see map showing right-of-way requirements, Figure 10, page 18). This road is the paved continuation of the 1761 Island Road which runs in front of the Tavern and on up Chestnut Ridge. Our patriot ancestors traversed this route via the present Old Stage Road down the ridge to the important triumph over the Indians at the 1776 Battle of Island Flats. After the Island road was rerouted about 1830 the settlers followed it over Chestnut Ridge to Exchange Place, Kingsport's popular living history farm. Destruction of the eastern section of Chestnut Ridge Road (paved Island Road) will destroy the ability of heritage tourists and our own public to follow the actual historic route. If we are serious about developing heritage tourism and our officials certainly make a lot of nose about it, we need to preserve assets as significant as Chestnut Ridge/Island Road.

No one denies Highway 126 is overdue for a safety upgrade. It needs shoulders with rumble strips, turn lanes at its four major intersections, and sight distance improvements where passing could be safe. Section 3 East of Highway 126 has never had current or projected traffic counts to justify a four-lane configuration. The resource team's recommendation for this section destroys historic heritage, community graves and homes, and much of scenic Chestnut Ridge at a staggering cost that is completely unjustified. The two-lane Concept A is the prudent, feasible, cost effective, and context sensitive alternative for Section 3 East.

Sincerely,

Rann Vaulx

Owner of Yancey's Tavern

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cc: Patrick McIntyre, TN-SHPO, Dennis Houser (Sullivan County Historic Preservation Association), Robert Notestine (APTA), Mary Fanslow (Netherland Inn/Exchange Place Association)

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SUBJECT: Documentation of Effect for the Proposed Improvements to State Route 126 (Memorial Boulevard) from East Center Street to Interstate 81 in Kingsport, Sullivan County, Tennessee

Dear Ms. Sellers:

Rann Vaulx, owner of Yancey' Tavern, shared his copy of TDOT's "Documentation of Effect Report Pursuant to 36 CFR 800 for Proposed Improvements to State Route 126 (Memorial Boulevard) from East Center Street to Interstate 81, Sullivan County," September 2008, with me. As a citizen representative on the SR 126 Community Resource Team (CRT) with a keen interest in our community's historic resources, I appreciated the opportunity to review the report. I would like to submit the following comments and questions for inclusion in the review and evaluation of alternatives for Section 3 East.

Context Sensitive Solutions

As I'm sure you are aware, the improvement of the 8.8-mile segment of SR 126 is Tennessee's pilot project for the Context Sensitive Solutions (CSS) process. As such, it would be relevant to include an overview of the Core Principles of CSS in this report. In brief:

- The project is a safe facility for both the user and the community.
- The project is in harmony with the community, and it preserves environmental, scenic, aesthetic, historic, and natural resource values of the area, i.e., exhibits context sensitive design.
- The project exceeds the expectations of both designers and stakeholders and achieves a level of excellence in people's minds.
- The project involves efficient and effective use of the resources (time, budget, community) of all involved parties.
- The project is designed and built with minimal disruption to the community.
- The project is seen as having added lasting value to the community

From the Community Resource Team's June 22, 2005, Recommendation, "The CRT wants to minimize impacts to and protect the integrity of community treasures in the SR 126 study area. Sites that are considered community treasures include:

- Cherry Point Animal Hospital (Barger house)
- White house at the corner of Santana Road and SR 126 (Testerman house)
- East Lawn Cemetery
- Chestnut Ridge view shed
- Anything within the historic boundary of Yancey's Tavern, including the tavern, barn, and trace of Old Island Road
- Shipley Mansion"

CSS principles are particularly germane to the discussion of Section 3 East that includes the Yancey's Tavern National Register Site (including Island Road), East Lawn Cemetery, and a significant portion of Chestnut Ridge. This should be a high priority driver in selection of the appropriate alternative.

Alternatives

Three major concepts or alternatives were developed by the Resource Team and were examined for each of the eight sections of the road project. Given the sensitive nature of the community treasures located in Section 3 East, all three alternatives need to be evaluated with regard to impacts to Yancey's Tavern, as well as East Lawn Cemetery and Chestnut Ridge.

- Concept A generally a two-lane roadway
- Concept B so-called "three-lane." Two travel lanes and a center turn lane
- Concept C a four-lane roadway with either a raised median or center turn lane

All concepts have bicycle and pedestrian accommodations, shoulders, improved curvature, improved line of sight and other modern safety features. Of note, traffic counts drop dramatically east of Harbor Chapel Road and do not justify four-laning.

Report Comments

Page 14. Just a point of clarification--please note that while on p.10 the report correctly identifies the road immediately south of the Yancey's Tavern property as Chestnut Ridge Road, on p. 14 it incorrectly identifies it on the map as "Old Stage Road." This is an important clarification, since it is a paved portion of Island Road which merits further consideration. (See comments re p. 16)

Page 14 states, under Effects to Yancey's Tavern, "... the cross-section adjacent to the historic Yancey's Tavern will be a four-lane roadway with a median, curb, gutter, and sidewalks." Issue must be taken with the words, "will be." That is yet to be determined.

While Concept C was the recommendation of a majority of the Resource Team, there were dissenting opinions on the team. (See Minority Report attachment.) In an October press release, "TDOT Announces Decision on State Route 126/Memorial Boulevard," posted on the TDOT SR 126 website, are the following remarks by Commissioner Nicely:

"There is concern over the use of a 4 lane section from East of Old Stage Road to Cooks Valley Road and the impact this would have on the ridge, Yancey's Tavern and East Lawn Cemetery," said Commissioner Gerald Nicely. "These concerns must and will be addressed during the preparation of the EIS for this truly to be a Context Sensitive Solutions process."

When and how will these concerns be addressed?

[http://www.tdot.state.tn.us/news/2005/102705a.htm]

Section 3 East "would not cause physical damage to all or part of the historic Yancey's Tavern property or result in the removal of the property from its historic location."

There is sincere disagreement, however, with the opinion that, "Although the proposed State Route 126 is (a) four-lane median divided roadway, the location adjacent to Yancey's Tavern is a continuation of the property's historic past that so closely liked its use to the road itself. Therefore in the opinion of TDOT, the proposed project would not

Page 16. It is reassuring that the alternative (Concept C) with the greatest impact on

use to the road itself. Therefore in the opinion of TDOT, the proposed project would not change the character of the property's use that contributes to its historic significance." Yancey's Tavern is immediately linked with Island Road, the trace of which remains on the property and on Chestnut Ridge Road which is the paved section of the historic Island Road on which the Tavern fronts. It is retention of that road, yet existent, that provides the true and actual historic context for the Tavern and its property, not SR 126.

While, unfortunately, Chestnut Ridge Road was not identified as a historic resource of concern for the purposes of this study, nevertheless, it is of concern to the community and the state. It is certainly an element for CSS consideration. It yet provides the historic travel corridor to the Battle of Long Island Flats, and its reroute ca. 1830 to Exchange Place. Disruption of this road for today's heritage travelers would be a great loss. While not a legal requirement, it within the purview of TDOT to be sensitive to the protection of this pre-Revolutionary historic road. *Historic Roads* (www.historicroads.org) recognizes the importance that roads have played in our nation's history, "enhancing our understanding of the American experience...." TDOT has a great opportunity to help protect—at least to do no harm—to what was the state's first road and played such a prominent role in our country's history.

Page 17. I completely concur with TDOT's conclusion that Concept C "would introduce an adverse visual impact and therefore have an adverse effect to the National Register Property." Fortunately there is an alternative!

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Summary

Given 1) the inherent devastating impacts of Concept C to the community's significant historic and environmental attributes on Section 3 East, 2) the low level of use--current and projected, and 3) the exceedingly high costs of four-lane median divided construction on Chestnut Ridge, what is the justification for its selection?

An evaluation of Concepts A and B by TDOT is in order, not only for the purpose of upholding the principles of Context Sensitive Solutions, but also for minimizing the impacts to a National Register listed property by selecting the most prudent and feasible alternative.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak to community concerns. Please add me to your circulation list on this project. I am enclosing several supporting documents with my letter.

Sincerely,

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cc: Rann Vaulx
State Historic Preservation Office
Claudia Moody, Northeast Heritage Tourism Area
Shelia Hunt, Sullivan County Historian
Ray Henson, TDOT 126 Project Manager

Enclosures

For Immediate Release: October 27, 2005



TDOT Announces Decision on State Route 126/Memorial Boulevard

Nashville, Tenn. – Governor Phil Bredesen and the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) announced today that the state will accept the State Route 126 Community Resource Team (CRT) recommendation. This recommendation will now move forward as an alternative that will be studied further during the Environmental phase of work. During this phase an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be prepared according to NEPA (National Environmental Protection Act) standards. This phase is currently not in the Department's transportation budget, but will be considered when next year's budget is developed. Funding, however, is available to begin technical studies including, ecological, archeological, geological and historical. This information will be included in the final EIS.

"This milestone represents a lot of hard work and commitment by the volunteers on the Citizens Resource Team and I would like to thank them for their efforts," said Bredesen.

The Community Resource Team (CRT) for the State Route 126 (Memorial Boulevard) Context Sensitive Solution (CSS) project has worked together since October 2003 to study and prepare a concept plan recommendation for improving SR 126 in Kingsport and Sullivan County. The project is considered by TDOT to be its' "pilot" CSS project. Documentation of the process and lessons learned will be part of the project report.

The project study area extends from East Center Street to Interstate 81, a distance of approximately 8 miles. During the 21-month CRT study process, the team gathered thirteen times for meetings, training, and workshops and conducted three Public Involvement Sessions in Kingsport. Public opinion was surveyed at each session and the results of those surveys were reviewed and discussed by the CRT and used to guide their decision making.

- CRT unanimously agreed upon:
 - o 11 Enhancement features in the Design Plan.
 - o 10 Safety improvements, with safety stated as the number one priority for SR 126.
 - o 7 Points of interest to the community.
 - o 4 Other special Issues.

Working together the CRT developed recommendations for roadway cross sections. The recommendations are divided into eight sections, identified by intersecting cross streets.

- Five of the eight sections, the CRT developed consensus design recommendations.
- Three of the eight sections, the CRT developed design recommendations that were supported by a majority of team members.
- The attached map shows a graphic depiction of the CRT's team recommendation for number of travel lanes on SR 126.

Consensus design recommendations include:

- Improve these sections to a four-lane median divided facility with curb, gutter and sidewalks:
 - o Section 1 West East Center Street to Orebank Road.
 - o Section 1 East Orebank Road to West of Hawthorne Street.
 - o Section 3 West Harbor Chapel Road to east of Old Stage Road.
- Improve this section to four travel lanes and a center turn lane with curb and gutter and sidewalks:
 - o Section 2 West of Hawthorne Street to Harbor Chapel Road.

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 Provide an improved two-lane roadway with paved shoulders, wide centerline, and rumble strips:

o Section 4 East - Harrtown Road to Cochise Trail.

Majority design recommendations with minority objection statements include:

- Improve this section to a four-lane median divided facility with shoulders:
 - o Section 3 East East of Old Stage Road to Cooks Valley Road.
- Improve this section to provide two travel lanes and a center turn lane with curb, gutter and sidewalks:
 - o Section 4 West Cooks Valley Road to Harrtown Road.
- Provide an upgraded two-lane roadway with paved shoulders, wide centerline, and rumble strips:
 - o Section 5 Cochise Trail to Interstate 81.

"There is concern over the use of a 4 lane section from East of Old Stage Road to Cooks Valley Road and the Impact this would have on the ridge, Yancey's Tavern and East Lawn Cemetery," said TDOT Commissioner Gerald Nicely. "These concerns must and will be addressed during the preparation of the EIS for this to truly be a Context Sensitive Solutions process."

"Context Sensitive Solutions (CSS) is a new way transportation planning approach being used by TDOT which provides solutions that are not only safe and effective, but are also designed in harmony with the community and environment", said Senator Ron Ramsey. "This process benefits us all."

"It took extensive community effort and commitment to get to this point and the results will be a better overall product," added Representative Nathan Vaughn. "I'd like to thank everyone involved in the process."

"US126 will be a vital transportation corridor for Sullivan County and is a much needed improvement for the region," said Representative Jason Mumpower. "The resource team's safety suggestions are important too."

For a map depicting some of the State Route 126 CRT's recommendations go or for more information about CSS, go to www.tennessee.gov/tdot.

Minority Report for Section 3 East Of State Route 126 in Sullivan County

Basic concept for this segment:

Old Stage Road to Cooks Valley Road: Concept A with a right turn lane onto Lemay Drive.

Statement of Purpose:

We find ourselves in fundamental opposition to the exhumation of human remains or the destruction of an historical treasure (Yancey's Tavem property) while a viable alternative is available that fulfills the agreed upon requirements for the project. Further, with respect to the preservation of Chestnut Ridge, we also are unable to accept a solution or concept that is more destructive with respect to the original contours and appearance of the ridge than is required, while a viable alternative exists that, again fulfills the agreed upon requirements for the project.

Rationalc:

Safety

- Has eight foot shoulders, guardrails, improved sight distances and improved horizontal and vertical curves
- o Has centerline & shoulder rumble strips to minimize lane departure (as recommended in State of Tennessee Strategic Highway Safety Plan, p. 8, 11/17/04)
- o Designated right turn lane into Lemay Drive provides greater safety for new traffic by adjacent road closures. Also allows eastbound traffic to continue while vehicles make right turn.

Community Impacts

- Concept A has the least impact to Chestnut Ridge both environmentally and visually.
- o Concept A has the smallest number of impacts to residences.
- Best preserves the community wishes of maintaining the scenic beauty of Chestnut Ridge.

Cost Justification

- B & C are not justified by actual and projected traffic counts through 2028.
- B & C are not justified by turning needs (few driveways & minimal left turns to side roads since most traffic is westbound in the morning and eastbound in the evening)

- There is a lack of consideration of cost in this section in light of the lack of potential benefit that might be realized by the community.
- Public Response
 - 58% of those surveyed in Public Session III chose an option other than a 4-lane, i.e. Concept C, in the section.
 - Additionally, a petition with 1100+ names expressed a preference for a two lane road in this section.
 - Eleven foot travel lanes minimize the road footprint.
 - o Concept A impacts East Lawn Cemetery the least of all concepts
 - o Concept A protects the historic Yancey tavem and barn, as well as remnants of Old Island Road and the surrounding site. The history of this area predates the American Revolution
- Mobility
 - o Right turn lane increases capacity in Concept A.
 - o Traffic counts have drastically fallen east of Old Stage Road.

State Representative Nathan Vaurann

Larry Hall, Member of the Sullivan County Board of Commissioners, District 6

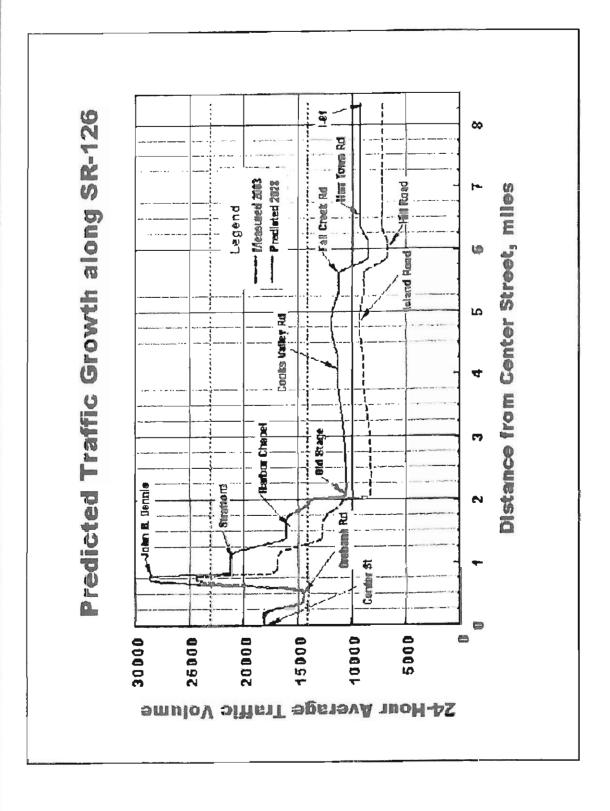
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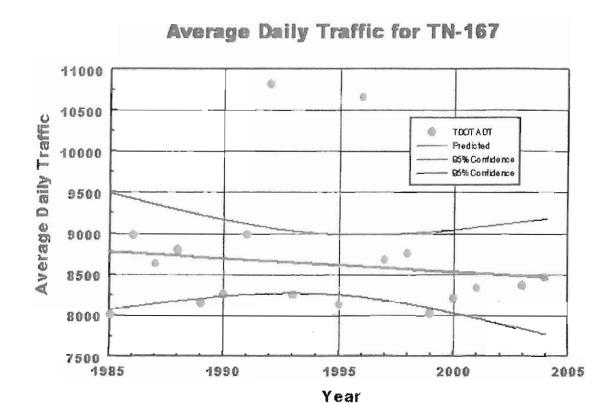
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Station #	County	Location	Route #
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3	2004	8465
4	2003	8358
5	2002	8117
6	2001	8335
7	2000	8206
8	1999	8015
9	1997	8675
10	1996	10655
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12	1994	7846
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ASSOCIATION FOR THE PRESERVATION OF TENNESSEE ANTIQUITIES

December 18, 2008

Ms. Tammy Sellers
Historic Preservation Supervisor
State of Tennessee
Department of Transportation
Environmental Division
505 Deaderick Street
Suite 900, James W. Polk Building
Nashville, TN 37243-0349

Re: Comments regarding proposed improvements to State Route 126 in

Sullivan County - Adverse Impact on Yancey's Tavern.

Dear Mr. Sellers:

I am in receipt of your letter dated November 24, 2008 and I have reviewed the Documentation of Effect Report pursuant to 36 CFR 800. Thank you for providing this information which I found to be very informative. I also concur that the proposed project has potential negative effect on Yancey's Tavern. The APTA is not in favor of any negative impact of the project on this unique historic site.

Yancey's Tavern has been selected by our Board as a significant historic site due both to its 18th century architecture, its continued presence and recognition in the Kingsport area, and its role as a gathering place and government center in the 18th and 19th centuries. Any act that would minimize the view of this structure from the public would be a disservice to historic preservation in this state. The construction of the proposed State Route 126 in such a manner as to cause the four lane road to be immediately adjacent to Yancy's Tavern as stated in page 16 of your document package cannot be supported by this organization.

In this light we urge TDOT to modify the proposed plan to minimize any negative aspects of this project upon Yancey's Tavern. It is a truly unique structure. Upon entering Yancey's Tavern

one truly has an immediate sense of being in the past. Constructing a modern four lane highway upon to the front boundary of the Tayern will frankly greatly diminish this sense of history.

I certainly don't wish to unduly interfere in this project but I am hereby requesting that you consider the position of the APTA in your planning process for this project. I will be glad to discuss this matter further with you at your convenience.

Sincerely

About 1 Notation II

cc: Ms. Ron Vaulx

E. Patrick McIntyre, Jr., THC

Martha Sloan, Executive Director, APTA



Aetherland Inn/Exchange Place Association, Inc.

P. O. Box 293 KINGSPORT, TENNESSEE 37662



April 1, 2009

Ms. Tammy Sellers Historic Preservation Supervisor State of Tennessee Department of Transportation Environmental Division 505 Deaderick Street Suite 900, James W. Polk Building Nashville, TN 37243-0349

Dear Ms. Sellers:

I am responding on behalf of the Netherland Inn / Exchange Place Association (NIA) to the Documentation of Effect Report pursuant to 36 CFR 800. The NIA believes that the project proposed by TDOT has potential adverse impact on Yancey's Tavern and the adjacent Chestnut Ridge Road and Chestnut Ridge view shed.

Yancey's Tavern and its environs constitute an important part of the history of Sullivan County and, in fact, our nation's history. Yancey's Tavern, built 209 years ago, served as the meeting place for the second meeting of the Sullivan County Commissioners. The road that connected it to Abingdon and up Chestnut Ridge is the Island Road. The Island Road is the second oldest military road (after Braddock's Road) in the country and the first wagon road in Tennessee. It was built in 1761 to bring the militia from Chilhowie to Long Island of the Holston where, as in the Watauga and Nolichucky River Valleys, significant settlements had developed. It is the oldest still in-use road in the state.

The critical importance of Island Road became apparent in the summer of 1776 when Cherokee, incited by the British to rise up against colonists in the west, approached the Long Island of the Holston. In response, colonists gathered at Eaton's Fort (near Yancey's Tavern). Using Island Road, the militia arrived at Eaton's Fort before the Indians. It was decided that the best strategy would be to march out and engage the Cherokee before being penned up in the fort. The settlers readily agreed, and together the militia and settlers marched along the Island Road to near the current intersection of Memorial Boulevard (Hwy 126) and Center Street where they engaged in a brief, but violent, skirmish with the Cherokee, known as the Battle of Island Flats. This battle figures prominently in Theodore Roosevelt's 1889 work, The Winning of the West.

The TDOT proposal for modifying Hwy 126 would render an adverse impact on this route and the ridge itself and potentially destroy a significant aspect of our history. The NIA requests that TDOT reconsider its proposal and consider alternatives that would

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minimize any negative aspects of its project upon Yancey's Tavern and the Chestnut Ridge Road and its view shed.

Thank you for sending the NIA the proposal documentation and for allowing us to comment.

I am enclosing a copy of a new brochure, "Pioneer Pathways." This brochure is the first of a series of planned brochures on historic pathways. The next one to be produced in the next year or so will cover the Island Road. We envision that these brochures will give area residents and tourists an appreciation for historic pathways in Sullivan County.

Sincerely,

Mary Fanslow President, NIA

Mary Fauston

cc: Dr. Rann Vaulx

Dr. E. Patrick McIntyre, Jr., THC

Rep. Tony Shipley

Mr. Bill Albright, City of Kingsport

Honorable Steve Godsey, Mayor of Sullivan County

Lt. Governor Ron Ramsey

Ms. Sheila Steele Hunt, Director, Sullivan County Dept. of Archives and Tourism

Commissioner Gerald Nicely, TDOT

Mr. Ray Henson, SR 126 Project Leader, TDOT

APPENDIX F PUBLIC PARTICIPATION



STATE OF TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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GERALD F. NICELY COMMISSIONER

PHIL BREDESEN
GOVERNOR

November 19, 2003

Mr. James Bird Tribal Historic Preservation Officer Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Qualla Boundary P.O. Box 455 Cherokee, NC 28719

Sample Letter to Native Americans

SUBJECT:

Section 106 Initial Coordination for Proposed Improvements to State Route 126

(Memorial Blvd) From E. Center St. in Kingsport to I-81, Sullivan County, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Bird:

The Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration is in the planning stages of evaluating the above-referenced project for possible implementation. The location of the proposed project is shown on the enclosed map.

The 2001 Advisory Council on Historic Preservation regulations, 36 CFR 800, stipulate that Indian tribes that attach religious and cultural significance to properties that may be affected by an undertaking be invited to participate in the project review process as consulting parties. TDOT would like to invite you to participate as a consulting party for the proposed project. This letter is also TDOT's request for comments on the identification of properties in the project's area of potential effect that may be of religious and cultural significance to your tribe.

If you choose to participate as a consulting party on the above-referenced project, you will receive copies of cultural assessment reports that identify Native American related properties. You will also be invited to attend project-related meetings with FHWA, TDOT and the Tennessee State Historic Preservation Office (TN-SHPO), if any are held. We respectfully request written responses to project reports and other materials within thirty (30) days of receipt.

If you would like to participate as a consulting party, please respond to me via letter, telephone (615-741-5257), fax (615-741-1098) or E-mail (Gerald.Kline@state.tn.us). To facilitate our planning process, please respond within 30 days of receipt of this letter. If you do not respond, you will not receive reports related to this project unless you specifically request them at a later date. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Gerald Kline

Transportation Specialist I Archaeology Program Manager

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Enclosure



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GERALD F. NICELY COMMISSIONER PHIL BREDESEN
GOVERNOR

November 19, 2003

Richard Venable, County Mayor 3411 Hwy 126, Ste 206 Blountville, TN 37617

Letter to Local Government Official

RE:

Section 106 Initial Coordination for Proposed Improvements to State Route 126 (Memorial Blvd) From E. Center St. in Kingsport to I-81, Sullivan County,

Tennessee

Dear Mr. Venable:

The Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration is proposing to improve the above referenced project. Its location is shown on the enclosed map.

The 2001 Advisory Council on Historic Preservation regulations stipulate that TDOT invite local government representatives to participate in the historic review process as a consulting party. TDOT would like to invite you, as the local government official, to participate as a consulting party for the proposed project.

If you choose to participate as a consulting party, you will receive copies of TDOT's environmental reports and will be invited to attend project-related meetings between TDOT and the Tennessee State Historic Preservation Office (TN-SHPO), if any are held. As a consulting party, you should be prepared to attend any such meetings between TDOT and the TN-SHPO and provide a response to TDOT's reports in written form within 30 days upon receipt of the report. TDOT also wishes to seek your comments on the identification and evaluation of historic properties that the proposed project might impact.

If you would like to participate as a consulting party, please write to me at the above address. To facilitate our planning process, please respond within 30 days of receipt of this letter. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Martha Carver

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Historic Preservation Program Manager

Enclosure

cc: Mr. Herbert Harper, TN-SHPO



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November 19, 2003

Jeanette Blazier, Mayor City of Kingsport 225 West Center Street Kingsport, TN 37660 Letter to Local Government Official

RE:

Section 106 Initial Coordination for Proposed Improvements to State Route 126 (Memorial Blvd) From E. Center St. in Kingsport to I-81, Sullivan County,

Tennessee

Dear Ms. Blazier:

The Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration is proposing to improve the above referenced project. Its location is shown on the enclosed map.

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If you choose to participate as a consulting party, you will receive copies of TDOT's environmental reports and will be invited to attend project-related meetings between TDOT and the Tennessee State Historic Preservation Office (TN-SHPO), if any are held. As a consulting party, you should be prepared to attend any such meetings between TDOT and the TN-SHPO and provide a response to TDOT's reports in written form within 30 days upon receipt of the report. TDOT also wishes to seek your comments on the identification and evaluation of historic properties that the proposed project might impact.

If you would like to participate as a consulting party, please write to me at the above address. To facilitate our planning process, please respond within 30 days of receipt of this letter. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely, Martha Carver

Martha Carver

Historic Preservation Program Manager

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cc: Mr. Herbert Harper, TN-SHPO

Sullivan County

Office of the County Executive



Richard S. Venable County Executive

December 10, 2003

Ms. Martha Carver T.D.O.T. Environmental Planning & Permits Suite 900. James Polk Bldg 505 Deaderick Street Nashville, TN 37243-0334

RE: Improvements to S.R. 126, Sullivan County, Tennessee

Dear Ms. Carver:

Please include me on your list of consulting party contacts for the above referenced project.

Warmest regards,

Richard S. Venable Mayor of Sullivan County

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